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Unity Pride Progress

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West Valley City to Celebrate Arbor Day

WHAT: West Valley City will celebrate Arbor Day by planting six new trees

WHEN: Friday, April 29, 2011
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: About 3000 S. 7200 W. along the Sugar Plum Trail

WHO: The media and general public are invited to attend. The City's forester, with the help of local Boy Scouts, will plant the trees as part of an Eagle Scout project.

WHY: West Valley City will celebrate Arbor Day by planting six trees along the Sugar Plum Trail. The trees will include one Lacebark Pine, two Camperdown Elms, one Lacebark Elm, and two Goldenrain trees.

West Valley City Forester Darin Nerdin will begin the Arbor Day celebration with a short presentation on the history of Arbor Day, the importance of trees and how the trees will benefit the many people who use the Sugar Plum Trail. After the presentation, a local Boy Scout will direct the tree planting efforts as part of his Eagle Scout project.

The six trees are among 31 total trees purchased using part of a \$5,000 grant provided by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. The purpose of the grant is to help West Valley City increase its urban forest, promote tree diversity and provide education and service opportunities to the public.

Arbor Day is celebrated annually by West Valley City and is a requirement for the City to maintain its Tree City USA status.

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